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MEDIA RELEASE

May is National Drug Court Month

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May is designated as National Drug Court Month and as such, Rock County joins over 4,000 Treatment Courts, operating in all 50 states and U.S. territories, in celebrating National Drug Court Month. National Drug Court Month is coordinated on a national level by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP).

Rock County's Drug Court became operational in 2007, and has had 663 total participants and 307 successful graduates as of May 8, 2020. Building on the success of the Drug Court Program, Rock County established three additional treatment court programs. The Veterans Court, which began in 2009, has had 83 total participants and 61 successful graduates; OWI Court started in 2012 and has had 121 total participants and 75 successful graduates; and in August 2019, Family Recovery Court began and has enrolled 11 participants so far. Today, these Treatment Courts have proven that a combination of accountability and compassion can save lives, save families, and save money.

The success of our programs rely on the joint cooperation between the Rock County Courts, Rock County Sheriff's Office, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (local units), the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office, the Rock County District Attorney's Office, the Rock County Human Services Department and the Rock County Administrator's Office. Together, these organizations and professionals seek to offer a multitude of services in order to assist participants in defeating their drug and/or alcohol addictions, addressing mental health and other co-occurring disorders, and giving them the tools necessary to integrate back into society as productive and successful members.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office wishes to thank all those involved in Rock County's Specialty Courts, as well as those across the nation, and ask that our citizens join in the support of this worthwhile endeavor. Together, we can make a difference!

For more information on Rock County's Drug Court program visit: <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/courts-drug-court> or nationally at: <http://allrise.org/>

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